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Post contacted ROYG Ministry of Trade as well as prominent business people in Yemen and informed them of the upcoming U.S. Arab economic forum in Houston, Texas and encouraged them to send a delegation to the event to represent Yemen. They were interested in the event but due to the lack of funding assistance available, no official delegation or individual business people from Yemen will be able to attend the forum. We have heard informally that Yemen Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Abdulwahab AlHajjri, plans to attend on behalf of the ROYG. Post requests notification if funding assistance becomes available.

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